



Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

South Region Meeting NOTES

September 19, 2023 @ 3 PM ET
Norfolk, VA

Members in Attendance:

1. Julie Kempker, Missouri, Chair
2. Vincent France, Arkansas
3. Joe Winkler, Florida
4. Steve Turner, Kentucky
5. Martha Danner, Maryland
6. Richie Spears, Mississippi, *Official Designee*
7. Jamie Lee, Louisiana
8. Maggie Brewer, North Carolina
9. Melvin Warren, South Carolina
10. Chris Hill, Tennessee
11. David Gutierrez, Texas
12. Jim Parks, Virginia
13. Richard Tischner, Washington D.C.
14. Diann Skiles, West Virginia

Members not in Attendance:

1. Chris Moore, Georgia
2. James Rudek, Oklahoma
3. Tom Langer, Alabama

Guests:

1. Jocelyn Angton, Texas
2. Erin Banty, Virginia
3. Mandy Boots, Missouri
4. Melanie Collins, North Carolina
5. Sharon Davis, Florida
6. Zugeilie Diaz, Virginia
7. Miriam Dyson, Georgia
8. Beverly Gilder, Alabama
9. Kristin Goodlett, Virginia
10. Christopher Harris, South Carolina
11. Trevor Harrison, Missouri
12. Julie Hawkins, ICJ
13. Rene Hinojosa, Texas
14. Matthew Hudson, District of Columbia
15. Lee Ishman, Alabama
16. Emily Keefer, Oklahoma

17. Joe Kuebler, Georgia
18. Rick Kuttenkuler, Missouri
19. Christopher Lane, Florida
20. Julie Lohman, Virginia
21. Felisha Lowe, Georgia
22. Jordan McKinley, West Virginia
23. Seneca Mitchell, Virginia
24. Linda Mustafa, Arkansas
25. Betty Payton, North Carolina
26. Rena Remines, Virginia
27. Rita Rothwein, Georgia
28. Cynthia Stout, Texas
29. Tim Strickland, Florida
30. Taylor Wayland, Tennessee
31. Don Werner, Kentucky
32. Alison Woodruff, Missouri

Call to order

Chair J. Kempker called the meeting to order at 3:01 ET. 14 members were present establishing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Motion to approve the agenda made by Commissioner M. Brewer (NC), seconded by Commissioner J. Lee (LA). Agenda approved as drafted.

Motion to approve the April 26, 2023, minutes made by Commissioner D. Skiles (WV), seconded by Commissioner C. Hill (TN.) Minutes approved as drafted.

2023 Proposed Rule Amendment 5.108 (f)

No comments were provided by the regional members regarding the rule proposal.

State Updates

Louisiana: Commissioner B. Lee reported their interstate staff is doing well, regularly monitoring compliance dashboards.

Arkansas: Commissioner V. France noted Arkansas is currently going through transitions, with no major concerns regarding compact operations.

North Carolina: Commissioner M. Brewer noted compact office doing well introducing staff. Current focus is on reestablishing an active State Council.

Maryland: Commissioner M. Danner indicated Maryland is focusing on compliance and sharing performance data with field staff. She recognized the work of DCA LaShonda Lee Campbell who was not in attendance. Maryland is also working to obtain 2 State Council appointees.

Florida: Commissioner J. Winkler expressed appreciation of states as Florida dealt with recent hurricane damages. He recognized Tim Strickland and Christopher Lane's work as Florida gets back to normal operations. Commissioner J. Winkler noted Florida has collected \$500,000 to help with extradition costs and received APPA's 'President Award' for its new mobile probation office.

Tennessee: Commissioner C. Hill noted Tennessee has a budget request for three new mobile reporting offices, one for each region. Commissioner C. Hill recognized DCA T. Wayland who is addressing compliance issues and looking to expand ISC office staff.

Kentucky: Commissioner S. Turner indicated Kentucky is down one staff position and recognized Don Werner, who was in attendance. Kentucky performs weekly compliance checks, maintaining compliance above the national average in all categories. Salary retention continues to be a challenge and Kentucky is looking at a new client portal app for low level admin clients to reduce travel barriers. This offers face-to-face reporting virtually from home or work. The trial in its first year has shown to save four years' worth of full-time work and positive results with clients.

Virginia: Commissioner J. Parks indicated the director retired and a new appointment is awaiting appointment. Change is not expected to affect ISC operations. J. Parks recognized several individuals from the VA office and DCA Julie Lohman. He notes the ISC offices have been successfully working remotely and that offering virtual employment has enabled VA to get more quality employment candidates.

Missouri: Commissioner J. Kempker noted staff has been remote and not one issue has occurred. Work seems to be more productive through using dashboards and has also encountered remote is more appealing for ISC staffing candidates. Prior to retiring in the spring, J. Kempker plans to make appointing a functional State Council. She also recognized the ISC staff (4) who attended the meeting.

Mississippi: Designee R. Spears noted focus is on training and working through staffing issues. Currently there are 2 openings in the ISC office. Maintaining compliance and staffing in the field is challenging and Mississippi offers very little remote employment opportunities. Fulfilling equipment needs for remote workers seems to be the driver for limiting remote employment opportunities.

District Of Columbia: Commissioner R. Tischner recognized L. Powell (who was not in attendance) and her dedication to Compact operations. He introduced Matthew Hudson who works in ISC noting compliance measures are good.

Texas: Commissioner D. Gutierrez noted he is also chair of Texas's state council and the lieutenant Governor has 1 more appointment to make, Texas's governor has made all other appoints. He recognized CA Rene Hinojosa and DCAs Joselyn Angton and Cynthia Stout. Texas has implemented target training and compliance is good.

South Carolina: Commissioner M. Warren was recently appointed and introduced DCA Chris Harris. DCA C. Hill noted the staff is almost full after some challenges, losing 3 staff at once last year. State Council members have been appointed and are looking to schedule a meeting soon. Interstate Compact has been added to the basic class for new officers taught by DCA C. Harris.

West Virginia: Commissioner D. Skyles noted there are 2 shortages on their State Council and did get a quorum at its last meeting. She recognized DCA J. McKinley, and she will soon be retiring after 46 years of working in state government.

Georgia: DCA M. Dyson introduced staff. The State Council meets twice a year virtually and is currently lacking a sheriff's association appointment. ISC office works remotely with good productivity, no policy violations. The agency ensures equipment needs are met (computers, phones, vehicles, new weapons to come.) Recent approval for new staff positions. She noted Georgia is working well with TN's DCA T.

Waylon. Georgia has its own employee retention recruitment team to go to colleges, job fairs, etc. which has shown to improve applicant options.

Alabama: DCA L. Ishman introduced Beverly Gilder and recognized Stacey Whitlow. Alabama has made some recent state council appointments and is hiring a new person to track warrants.

New Business

DCA T. Strickland (FL) announced the South Region DCAs will hold a meeting in November to talk about new rule ideas and to discuss the withdrawn rule proposals for electronic monitoring and the discretionary process for disposing of a violation when sentenced to supervision. The South Region DCAs will meet quarterly to prepare proposals for regional vote in the next year.

Region Chair Election

Motion to nominate Commissioner M. Brewer (NC) for South Region Chair made by Commissioner J. Kempker (MO) seconded by D. Guitierrez. Commissioner M. Brewer (NC) declined the nomination.

Motion to nominate Commissioner S. Turner (KY) for South Region Chair made by Commissioner D. Skyles (WV) seconded by Commissioner J. Kempker (MO.) Nomination accepted with no other nominations provided.

By unanimous vote, Commissioner Steve Turner (KY) is the new South region chair.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner M. Brewer (NC), seconded by Commissioner C. Hill (TN.) Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.